

## CLAIMS

1. A radio reception system capable of receiving signals from a plurality of users using a plurality of antennas, comprising:

5        signal processing means for performing a prescribed signal processing on the signals received by said plurality of antennas;

         a plurality of first signal extracting means for extracting signal components corresponding to said plurality of users, respectively, based on a signal output from said signal processing means;

10       a plurality of first estimating means for estimating parameter information related to relation between the signal components extracted by said first signal extracting means and the signal output from said signal processing means;

15       a plurality of first error determining means for determining whether the signal components corresponding to the plurality of users extracted by said first signal extracting means include a demodulation error or not, respectively; and

20       first operating means for subtracting, from the signal output from said signal processing means, said extracted signal component determined by said first error determining means not to include any demodulation error, in consideration of corresponding said parameter information.

2. The radio reception system according to claim 1, further comprising

25       a plurality of second signal extracting means for extracting, based on the signal output from said first operating means, signal components corresponding to users determined by said first error determining means to include a demodulation error, respectively;

30       a plurality of second estimating means for estimating parameter information related to relation between the signal components extracted by said second signal extracting means and the signal output from said first operating means; and

         a plurality of second error determining means for determining

whether the signal components extracted by said second signal extracting means include a demodulation error or not, respectively.

5 3. The radio reception system according to claim 2, further comprising

second operating means for subtracting, from the signal output from said signal processing means, the signal component extracted by said first and second signal extracting means determined by said first and second error determining means not to include any demodulation error, in  
10 consideration of corresponding said parameter information.

4. The radio reception system according to claim 2, further comprising

third operating means subtracting, from the signal output from said  
15 first operating means, the signal component extracted by said second signal extracting means determined by said second error determining means not to include any demodulation error, in consideration of corresponding said parameter information.

20 5. A radio reception system capable of receiving signals from a plurality of users using a plurality of antennas, comprising:

signal processing means for performing a prescribed signal processing on the signals received by said plurality of antennas;

25 a plurality of first signal extracting means for extracting signal components corresponding to said plurality of users, respectively, based on a signal output from said signal processing means;

a plurality of first estimating means for estimating parameter information related to relation between the signal components extracted by said first signal extracting means and the signal output from said signal  
30 processing means based on a correlation value between signal component of the corresponding user and signal component of another user;

a plurality of first error determination means for determining whether the signal components corresponding to the plurality of users

extracted by said first signal extracting means include a demodulation error or not, respectively; and

first operating means for subtracting, from the signal output from said signal processing means, said extracted signal component determined by said first error determining means not to include any demodulation error, in consideration of corresponding said parameter information.

6. The radio reception system according to claim 5, further comprising  
a plurality of second signal extracting means for extracting, based on the signal output from said first operating means, signal components corresponding to users determined by said first error determining means to include a demodulation error, respectively;

a plurality of second estimating means for estimating parameter information related to relation between the signal components extracted by said second signal extracting means and the signal output from said first operating means based on a correlation value between signal component of the corresponding user and signal component of another user; and

a plurality of second error determining means for determining whether the signal components extracted by said second signal extracting means include a demodulation error or not, respectively.

7. The radio reception system according to claim 6, further comprising  
second operating means for subtracting, from the signal output from said signal processing means, the signal component extracted by said first and second signal extracting means determined by said first and second error determining means not to include any demodulation error, in consideration of corresponding said parameter information.

8. The radio reception system according to claim 6, further comprising  
third operating means subtracting, from the signal output from said

first operating means, the signal component extracted by said second signal extracting means determined by said second error determining means not to include any demodulation error, in consideration of corresponding said parameter information.

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9. The radio reception system according to any of claims 5 to 8, wherein

said plurality of first estimating means estimate said parameter information by calculating said correlation value, independent from result of determination by said plurality of first error determination means.

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10. The radio reception system according to any of claims 5 to 8, wherein

said plurality of first estimating means estimate said parameter information by calculating said correlation value using signal components of the users determined not to include any demodulation error, based on the result of determination by said plurality of first error determining means.

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11. The radio reception system according to any of claims 6 to 8, wherein

said plurality of second estimating means estimate said parameter information by calculating said correlation value, independent from result of determination by said plurality of second error determination means.

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12. The radio reception system according to any of claims 6 to 8, wherein

said plurality of second estimating means estimate said parameter information by calculating said correlation value using signal components of the users determined not to include any demodulation error, based on the result of determination by said plurality of second error determining means.

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13. A radio reception system capable of receiving signals from a plurality of users using a plurality of antennas, comprising:

signal processing means for performing a prescribed signal processing on the signals received by said plurality of antennas; and

5 one stage of interference cancellers, including

a plurality of stages of interference removing units corresponding to said plurality of users; wherein

each stage of said interference removing unit includes

10 signal extracting means for extracting signal component corresponding to a specific user, different stage by stage, among said plurality of users based on an input signal,

estimating means for estimating parameter information related to relation between the signal component extracted by said signal extracting means and the signal input to said signal extracting means,

15 operating means for removing the signal component corresponding to said specific user, from the signal input to said signal extracting means in consideration of said parameter information, and

20 error determining means for determining whether the signal component corresponding to said specific user includes a demodulation error or not, and when determined to include the demodulation error, disabling removal of the signal component corresponding to said specific user by said operating means; and

25 said plurality of stages of interference removing units are connected such that the signal output from said signal processing means is input to inputs of said operating means and said signal extracting means of the first stage of said interference removing units, and an output of said operating means of a former stage interference removing unit of adjacent two interference removing units is applied to inputs of said signal extracting means and said operating means of a latter stage interference removing unit.

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14. The radio reception system according to claim 13, further comprising

a next stage of interference cancellers receiving an output of said operating means of a last stage interference removing unit of said one stage of interference cancellers; wherein

said next stage interference canceller includes a plurality of stages of interference removing units corresponding to said plurality of users;

each stage of said interference removing units includes signal extracting means for extracting and outputting signal component corresponding to a specific user, different stage by stage, among said plurality of users, based on an input signal,

estimating means for estimating parameter information related to relation between the signal component extracted by said signal extracting means and the signal input to said signal extracting means,

operating means for removing the signal component corresponding to said specific user from the signals input to said signal extracting means, in consideration of said parameter information, and

error determining means for determining whether the signal component corresponding to said specific user includes a demodulation error or not and, when determined to include an error, disabling removal of the signal component corresponding to said specific user by said operating means;

the interference removing unit of said next stage interference canceller corresponding to a user determined not to include any demodulation error by the interference canceller of said first stage provides an output of the interference removing unit of the preceding stage as it is to the interference removing unit of the succeeding stage; and

in the interference removing unit of said next stage interference canceller corresponding to the user determined to include a demodulation error by said first stage interference canceller, an output of the interference removing unit of the preceding stage is applied to inputs of said signal extracting means and said operating means, and an output of said operating means is output to the interference removing unit of the succeeding stage.

15. A radio reception system capable of receiving signals from a plurality of users using a plurality of antennas, comprising:

signal processing means for performing a prescribed signal processing on the signals received by said plurality of antennas; and

5 one stage of interference cancellers;

said one stage of interference canceller includes a plurality of stages of interference removing units corresponding to said plurality of users;

each stage of said interference removing units includes

10 signal extracting means for extracting and outputting signal component corresponding to a specific user, different stage by stage, among said plurality of users, based on an input signal,

15 estimating means for estimating, based on a correlation value between signal component of said specific user and signal component of another user, parameter information related to relation between the signal component extracted by said signal extracting means and the signal output from said signal processing means,

error determining means for determining whether the signal component corresponding to said specific user includes a demodulation error or not, and

20 operating means for removing the signal component corresponding to a user determined not to include a demodulation error from the signal output from said signal processing means, in consideration of said parameter information; and

25 said plurality of stages of interference removing units are connected such that the signal output from said signal processing means is input to inputs of said operating means and said signal extracting means of the first stage of said interference removing units, and an output of said operating means of a former interference removing unit of adjacent two interference removing units is applied to an input of said signal extracting means of a  
30 latter stage interference removing unit.

16. The radio reception system according to claim 15, further comprising

a next stage of interference cancellers receiving an output of said operating means of the interference removing unit of the last stage of said one stage of interference cancellers; wherein

said next stage interference canceller includes a plurality of stages of interference removing units corresponding to said plurality of users;

each stage of said interference removing unit includes signal extracting means for extracting and outputting signal component corresponding to a specific user, different stage by stage, among said plurality of users based on an input signal,

estimating means for estimating, based on a correlation value between signal component of said specific user and signal component of another user, parameter information related to relation between the signal component extracted by said signal extracting means and the signal output from said signal processing means,

error determining means for determining whether or not the signal component corresponding to said specific user includes a demodulation error, and

operating means for removing the signal component corresponding to the user determined not to include any demodulation error from the signal output from said signal processing means, in consideration of said parameter information;

the interference removing unit of said next stage interference canceller corresponding to the user determined not to include any demodulation error by said first stage interference canceller outputs an output of the interference removing unit of the preceding stage as it is to an interference removing unit of the succeeding stage; and

in the interference removing unit of said next stage interference canceller corresponding to the user determined to include a demodulation error by said first stage interference canceller, an output of the interference removing unit of the preceding stage is applied to an input of said signal extracting means, and an output of said operating means is output to the interference removing unit of the succeeding stage.



17. The radio reception system according to any of claims 13 to 16,  
wherein

5 said estimating means calculates correlation value between the  
signal component of said specific user and signal component of another user  
independent from result of determination by said error determining means,  
and estimates said parameter information based on the calculated  
correlation value.

10 18. The radio reception system according to any of claims 13 to 16,  
wherein

15 said estimating means calculates the correlation value using only the  
signal components of the users determined not to include any demodulation  
error based on the result of determination by said error determining means,  
and estimates said parameter information based on the calculated  
correlation value.

19. The radio reception system according to claim 1, 5, 13 or 15,  
wherein

20 said signal extracting means is an adaptive array spatially  
separating and extracting signal component corresponding to a specific user.

20. The radio reception system according to claim 1, 5, 13 or 15,  
wherein

25 said signal extracting means includes  
an adaptive array spatially separating and extracting signal  
component corresponding to a specific user,  
a demodulator demodulating an output of said adaptive array, and  
a re-modulator re-modulating an output of said demodulator.

30 21. The radio reception system according to claim 1, 5, 13 or 15,  
wherein

the signals from said plurality of users are signals transmitted in  
accordance with PDMA communication method.

22. The radio reception system according to claim 1, 5, 13 or 15,  
wherein

5 the signals from said plurality of users are signals transmitted in  
accordance with CDMA communication method.

23. The radio reception system according to claim 22, wherein  
the signals transmitted in accordance with said CDMA  
communication method are spread by predetermined spreading codes in  
10 advance on a transmitting side,

said system further comprising  
inverse spreading means for inverse spreading signals output from  
said signal processing means by corresponding spreading codes in  
accordance with CDMA communication method and applying the results to  
15 said signal extracting means.